

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Communication, the Examiner alleges that the Amendment filed on November 11, 2005 is not fully responsive to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2005.

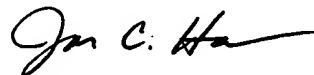
According to the Examiner, the new claims are not readable on the elected invention because Applicant has canceled the elected species (*i.e.*, MMP-12) and presented claims drawn only to non-elected species (*i.e.*, GRO3, HNL, elafin, and COL6A3).

In order to expedite prosecution of the present case, Applicant has amended claim 42 to include the species (*i.e.*, MMP-12) that was elected pursuant to the Restriction Requirement dated February 12, 2002. Support for the amendment is found, for example, in Table 1 of the instant specification (*see*, page 55, class VII).

In view of the foregoing remarks and the remarks presented in the Amendment filed on March 8, 2006, Applicant believes the Amendment filed on November 11, 2005 is now fully responsive to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2005. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter both the previous and present Amendments and reinstate claims 42-52 for examination on the merits.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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